

SUPPLEMENT. Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

EX S.S. "GLENCOE."

EX S.S. "GLENOGLE."

WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.
CREAM DRESS MATERIALS.
NUNS' VEILINGS in every Color.
SUMMER BEIGES in every Color.
GALATEAS for Boys' Washing Suits.
WHITE INDIA MUSLINS.
MULL CORD MUSLINS.
WHITE VICTORIA LAWNS.
BLACK AND COLORED SUNSHADES.
LADIES' PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS.
LADIES' & CHILDREN'S BOOTS & SHOES.

New Patterns in POMPADOIR SATEENS.
Plain Colored SATEENS in every Shade.
FRENCH PERCALES in every Pattern.
Specialties in ZEPHYR CHECKS.
CANVAS CORSETS for Summer Wear.
SUMMER PAJAMAH FLANNELS.
Novelties in LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS.
Trimmed & Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.
A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.
OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.
INKSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1883.

KELLY & WALSH'S LIST OF NEWLY IMPORTED TOBACCOS AND CIGARETTES.

TOBACCOS.

RICHMOND GEM CURLY CUT.
SWEET CAPORAL.
CAPORAL.
TRIPLE ALLIANCE.
EXTRA BRIGHT VIRGINIA.
LONG CUT VIRGINIA.
TURKISH MIXTURE.
COCK ROBIN.
BRIGHT AMERICAN BIRD'S EYE.
UGLY CUT (CAVENDISH).
PERIQUE VIRGINIA MIXTURE.
VETERAN.
WILLS' BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.
HAVANA CIGARS OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS; MANILA CIGARS AND CHEROOTS,
THOROUGHLY WELL SEASONED.

TOBACCOS—(CONTINUED.)

OLD JUDGE.
HAPPY THOUGHT—Medium Strength.
DOLLAR BRAND—Full Strength.
STAR MIXTURE—Mild.
GOLDEN EAGLE—Medium Strength.

CIGARETTES.

LITTLE BEAUTIES.
OLD JUDGE.
CAPORAL.
HALF CAPORAL.
RICHMOND GEM.
RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.

NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.

New Assortment of Cut Scraps.

New Paste Partouts.
Call Bells.
New Photo Albums for Cabinets only.
News Cutting Scrap Books.
Canton Drawing Pencils in Boxes of 6 Grades.
Skeleton Guard Books.
Voice Guard Books.
Prepared Charcoal for Drawing.
SPECIALTY:—ANTI COCKROACH VARNISH effectively prevents the destruction of Books by Cockroaches. It neither injures the binding nor produces the objectionable sticky appearance common with Chinese Varnishes—Sole Proprietors.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Perry's Patent Ventilating Garters.

Portable Dressing Cases for Gentlemen.
Prang's Wall Plaques.
Miniature Plaques for Hand Painting.
New Chit Books and Chit Cases.
Limp Leather Manuscript Books.
Cheap Manuscript and Note Books.
Novelties in Purses, Portmonies, Ladies' Com-
pagnions, Hand Bags, &c.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
after the 8th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"ARABIC,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 21st instant, at THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883.

Consignees.

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

STEAMSHIP "LIBAN,"
CANDOLLE, COMMANDER.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel from Marseilles and intermediate Ports, and in connection with the "TAYGETE" from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into Godown B of the Undersigned, Marine Lot No. 12, whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 8th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1883.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the Year 1882 has this day been DECLARED.
Warrants may be had on Application at the office of the Society on and after the 21st inst.
By order of the Board,
DOUGLAS-JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL
SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 1,973, dated
18th June, 1880, for THREE SHARES in the above
Company, standing in the name of REUBEN
SOLOMON has been LOST, and should the
same not be produced before the 9th May next,
a Duplicate thereof will be issued to REUBEN
SOLOMON, and no transaction taking place
under the said ORIGINAL SCRIP CERTIFICATE,
No. 1,973, will be recognized by the Company.
By Order,
D. McLaurin,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the
CONSERVATOIRE-DE-BERGAMO and late
of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA-COMpany has
the honor to inform the community that he has
arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give
lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.
CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have
this day been REMOVED to the 1st Floor
of 43, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, above Achee's
Furniture Store.
DENNY & MOSSOP,
Solicitors and Notaries Public.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1883.

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J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS,
MERCHANT NAVY,
NAVY BOILER,
LONG FLAX,
CROWN,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR FOCHOW (DIRECT)
THE E. & A. Steamship

"CATTERTHUN,"
Captain Miller, will be despatched at FIVE P.M.,
TO-DAY, the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIGO.
THE Steamship

"BENLEDI,"
Captain Ross, will be despatched as above,
TO-MORROW, the 11th instant, at 12 NOON.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

FOR NAGASAKI (DIRECT).
THE Steamship

"BENARTY,"
Captain Le Bouillier, will be despatched, on
SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at FOUR P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"JORGE JUAN,"
Captain Thebaud, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 12th instant,
at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND
PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW
ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA,
FIJI and TASMANIA.)

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship
Company's Chartered Steamer
"GORDON CASTLE,"
Captain Waring, will be despatched as above,
on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.
Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office)
will be received up to 4 P.M., on the 15th May.
Contents and Value of Packages must be
declared.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

THE Steamship

"LIBAN,"
Candolle, Commander, will sail on or about
MONDAY, the 21st May, for MARSEILLES,
via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, and SUEZ, and with leave to call at
PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection
with these Steamers the Company runs a Line
from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the
Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by
which through freight may be booked.
The Company has a Forwarding Agency at
Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special
facilities to Shippers.
Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and
Stewards.

FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES..... \$300.
SECOND-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES..... \$200.
RETURN TICKETS are now granted by
the Steamers of this Line available for the
undetermined periods, to be reckoned from the
date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for
which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-
embarkation there of the Holder of the Ticket.

6 Months..... \$520..... \$410.
12 "..... 560..... 445.
Special rates are arranged for Families.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE American Bark

"C. B. HAZELTINE,"
Gilkey, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1883.

FOR VICTORIA B.C. AND NEW
TACOMA W.T.

THE American Ship

"MERCURY,"
Panno, Master, will load here for the above Ports,
and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/4 L. I. American Bark

"PENOBSCOT,"
Eaton, Master, will load here for the above Port,
and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Ship

"GUARDIAN,"
Fletcher, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/4 L. I. American Ship

"WANDERING JET,"
Talpey, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

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have been instructed by
the GENERAL OF ORDINANCE,
to sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 11th day of May, 1883, at 11 A.M., at Her
Majesty's Ordnance Stores, 10, Road East,
THE FOLLOWING:

GOVERNMENT STORES.

BLANKETS, CANVAS, CORDAGE, RUGS,
SERGE, CAST AND WROUGHT IRON,
LEATHER, COTTON, LINEN AND WOOL-
LEN ARTICLES, STEEL, TIMBER, TIN,
OIL FILES, CASKS, PACKING CASES,
EMPTY CEMENT BARRELS, BUNTING,
IRON DRUMS, UMBRELLAS, BED MATS,
BOAT WHALER, 1 WOOD GVN, 18 feet with
WINDLASS.

Also,
THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, viz:
GREAT COATS, CAPS, CAPES, SERGE
AND TWEED FROCKS, SERGE AND CLOTH
TUNICS, SERGE AND CLOTH TROUSERS,
ANKLE BOOTS, HELMETS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexi-
can Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and
errors of description at Purchaser's risk on
fall of the hammer. All lots to be cleared within
48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been
instructed to sell by Public Auction, at
the Court House, on
SATURDAY,
the 12th instant, at 2 O'CLOCK P.M.,
The LIBRARY of the late Mr. JUSTICE
SNOWDEN.

Comprising:—
The Principal LAW BOOKS and General
LITERATURE.

Also,
A Few BOOKS ON CHINESE SUBJECTS, and
MORRISON'S CHINESE DICTIONARY.
The BOOKS will be on view at the Court
House on the 11th instant.

TERMS.—Cash.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1883.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

MR. ANTONIO JOSE DA FONSECA is
AUTHORISED to sign my name per pro-
curation from this date.
M. A. DOS REMEDIOS.

Macao, 26th April, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST of the late WILLIAM
EDWARD HENRY DUNN in Our Firm
ceased on the 28th March last.
DUNN, MELBYE & Co.,
Hongkong, 7th May, 1883.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from the Colony
Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS will act
as my ATTORNEYS.
GRANVILLE SHARP.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the late CHEA KAI
TUNG, Manager and Partner of YEE
CHONG HONG, No. 60, Bonham Strand, who
left for Fokien to celebrate his mother's
obsequies, but died a month after arrival there,
at the request of his wife, concubine, son, &c.,
the settlement of the accounts of the above firm
and deceased's private accounts, have, by the
permission of the Supreme Court, been entrusted
to GAN KONG POY, ON SING CHOW, and
CHEA PHOO GEAN. Notice is given that the
accounts up to the end of Yum Ng Year have
been settled, and deceased's interest therein
ended. The YEE CHONG FIRM's Partners are
now as follows:—DON JOAQUIN B. LIMAP,
LUM CHEU TO, LUM HUM LIM, CHOI
LIM SANG, CHONG KONG CHEUNG, LUM
HOCK CHIN and CHEA HU KEE, &c.

GAN KONG POY,
ON SING CHOW,
CHEA PHOO GEAN, } Trustees.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1883.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence Mr. E. L. WOODIN
is appointed by the MANAGING DIRECT-
ORS to conduct the Business of this Company
at Hongkong.
A. MCIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1883.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES GRANT is authorized to
sign our Firm from this date.
KELLY & WALSH.

Hongkong, May 3rd, 1883.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.
PRICE \$1,000 ONLY.

A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER RESIDENCE
in MACAO, comprising BUNGALOW,
with spacious FLOWER and VEGETABLE GAR-
DENS, occupying a cool and healthy situation,
and commanding a magnificent view. Excellent
spring water, and a bathing only a few yards
distant.
For Particulars, apply to
J. NOVES & SOUZA,
Pharmacia Libonense,
Macao.

Macao, 12th April, 1883.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

SEVERAL GOOD PONIES, suitable for
Hack, Carriage Ponies or Jumpers.
Apply to
R. FRASER SMITH,
Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883.

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...a short head; a length dividing second and third. Time 1.38.

The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Stephen's b. Oriole 1st. 1lb. Mr. Reynell 1
Mr. Minor Lake's gr. Peculator 1st. 1lb. Mr. Pond 2
Mr. Paul's dun Tajmahal, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Bidwell 3
Mr. Bill's bay Second Violin, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Brandt 0
Ms. Pallet's gr. St. Julien, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Leitchford 0
Mr. St. Vincent's bay Ambassador, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 0

Oriole went off with the lead, made the whole of the running, and won in a common canter; Tajmahal was a fair third. Time 1.32.

The JOCKEY CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies that have never won a Race; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this morning; weight, 11st; entrance, Tls. 5. Once Round.

Mr. St. Vincent's gr. Triumph, Mr. Sampson 1
Mr. Avly's bk. Black Diamond Mr. Wintle 2
Mr. Henry's gr. Salathiel, Mr. Malherbe 3
Mr. Cabell's gr. Transvaal, Mr. Shepard 0
Mr. Bill's wh. Spicato, (late Highland Fling) Mr. Gebhardt 0
Mr. Tell's roan. Lucifer, Mr. Hart-Buck 0
Mr. Toeg's gr. Jupiter, Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Toeg's gr. Saturn, Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Lawson's dun Colonel, Mr. Wilson 0

At the Monument Mr. Sampson sent Triumph to the front, and making the remainder of the running with great ease from Black Diamond, with Salathiel a good third. Time 2.54.

The TAO-TAI CUP, value, \$100, presented by H.E. the Taoist; for China Ponies; weight, 12st; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

Mr. Bill's gr. Allegro, Mr. Gun 1
Mr. St. Andrew's dun Merry Monk, Mr. Allen 2
Mr. Edmund's br. Mufi, Mr. Baker 3
Mr. Paul's br. Shamrock, Mr. Nickels 0
Mr. Tell's bay East Wind, Mr. Bidwell 0

Allegro started favorite at 6 to 4. After going a quarter of a mile Allegro took the lead from Shamrock which he maintained to the finish and won easily from Merry Monk. Time 2.15.

The KIANG-SU PLATE, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and Three-Quarters.

Mr. Fungus's gr. Prejudice 1st. 1lb. Mr. Pond 1
Mr. Henry's gr. Rialto 1st. 1lb. Mr. Nicholson 2
Mr. St. Andrew's ch. Driving Cloud 1st. 1lb. Mr. Allan 3
Mr. Bill's dun Pizicato 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 0
Mr. Paul's gr. Castigator 1st. 1lb. Mr. Nickels 0

Prejudice won by several lengths, a fine race for second place ending in favor of Rialto by half a length. Time 4.22.

The RACING STAKES, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China Ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1883; weight for inches as per scale; winners 5lbs. extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Fungus's gr. Pebble 1st. 1lb. Mr. Pond 1
Mr. Fungus's gr. Peppo 1st. 1lb. Mr. Wintle 2
Mr. Arthur's gr. Belgavia 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 3
Mr. Scraph's dun Monarch of the East 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Bill's gr. Allegro, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 2
Mr. St. Andrew's gr. Jolly Friar, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Nickels 3
Mr. St. Vincent's bay Ambassador, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Arthur's gr. Cheapside, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 0
Mr. Wynne's gr. Footlight, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Wintle 0
Mr. Cabell's gr. Transvaal, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0

After a good race Prejudice beat Allegro by a length and a half, with Jolly Friar a fair third, Ambassador fourth and Cheapside fifth. Time 2.38.

The CONCORDIA CUP, value, Tls. 100, presented by Members of the Club Concordia; second Pony to receive 40 per cent, and the third Pony, 20 per cent, of the Entrance Fees; for China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of Entry; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 10. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Arthur's gr. Piccadilly 1st. 1lb. Mr. Dallas 1
Mr. Avly's bl. Black Diamond 1st. 1lb. Mr. Symons 2
Mr. Tell's roan. Lucifer 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rugg 3
Mr. Kesteven's gr. V. C. 1st. 1lb. Mr. Easton 0
Mr. Armin's gr. Maximilian 1st. 1lb. Mr. Ehlers 0
Mr. Bill's gr. Animate 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 0
Mr. Henry's ch. Stiletto 1st. 1lb. Mr. Brandt 0
Mr. Gore-Booth's gr. Asbestos 1st. 1lb. Mr. Baker 0
Mr. Kelly's dun Rosemary 1st. 1lb. Mr. Dunman 0
Mr. Kelly's ch. Myrtle 1st. 1lb. Mr. Bidwell 0
Mr. Toeg's gr. Jupiter 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Ring's gr. Sula 1st. 1lb. Mr. Malherbe 0
Won in a canter by several lengths. Time 3.20.

The TSATLEE CUP, value, Tls. 160 presented by some of the Silk Inspectors of Shanghai, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each—For China Ponies that have never won a Race—Weight, 11st. 10lbs.; to give or take 6lbs. for every inch over or under the winner to pay; Tls. 50 to the fund. One Mile.

Mr. Joss's dun Gracchus, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Meyerink 1
Mr. Arthur's gr. Fall Mall, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 2
Mr. Arthur's gr. Hornpipe, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Bidwell 3
Mr. Scraph's dun Monarch of the East, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Bill's dun Amoroso, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 0
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Mr. Kesteven's gr. V. C. 1st. 1lb. Mr. Easton 0
Mr. Armin's gr. Maximilian 1st. 1lb. Mr. Ehlers 0
Mr. Bill's gr. Animate 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 0
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Mr. Toeg's gr. Jupiter 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Ring's gr. Sula 1st. 1lb. Mr. Malherbe 0
Won in a canter by several lengths. Time 3.20.

The TSATLEE CUP, value, Tls. 160 presented by some of the Silk Inspectors of Shanghai, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each—For China Ponies that have never won a Race—Weight, 11st. 10lbs.; to give or take 6lbs. for every inch over or under the winner to pay; Tls. 50 to the fund. One Mile.

Mr. Joss's dun Gracchus, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Meyerink 1
Mr. Arthur's gr. Fall Mall, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 2
Mr. Arthur's gr. Hornpipe, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Bidwell 3
Mr. Scraph's dun Monarch of the East, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rutledge 0
Mr. Bill's dun Amoroso, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 0
Mr. Bill's wh. Spicato (late Highland Fling), 1st. 1lb. Mr. Brandt 0
Mr. Paul's br. Sunray, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Baker 0
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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held to-day (April 30th) at noon, in the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., when there were present: Messrs. J. B. Bell, Irving (chairman), C. D. Bottomley, A. P. MacEwen (directors), Dr. Adams, H. Maclean, G. C. Cox, C. P. Chater, W. N. Bain, E. L. Woodin, Woodley, and E. F. Alford (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the Chairman proposed the following special resolution for confirmation:—

"That each of the existing Shares of the Company be divided into Four Shares of \$250; upon each of which the sum of \$50 shall be credited as paid-up."

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Bottomley and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING, 1883.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHANGHAI, and May.

In my last jottings I said that we expected some marvellous performances would take place at the Spring Race meeting here. Unfortunately the clerk of the weather lost his temper just the day before the races and poured his wrath down upon us in the form of heavy thunderstorms throughout the entire day and night. Monday (the first day) dawned with a dull aspect and rain fell a good part of the day which of course dashed all our hopes to the ground, but contrary to expectation the ponies which had been "spotted" as probable winners came to the front in good time, apparently enjoying, rather than otherwise, a soft course. This fact bears me out in my remarks as to the quality of the race, more especially in reference to the Griffins, Cheapside, the favorite all along, with Torpedo a "dark one," came in a clever winner of the Griffins' Plate (3 mile) in 1.38. Pebble was also one of the best griffins on the course, and I am inclined to think that had he been ridden a little harder at the finish he might have upset Mr. Arthur's calculations considerably by placing Cheapside third, instead of first, but on the whole his rider's judgment probably proved an advantage, for had Pebble been overstrained in the Griffins he could not have forced the pace in the Racing Stakes and run away with that race in the remarkable manner in which he did.

The following are the details of the first day's racing:—

FIRST DAY—MONDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1883.

THE LEGACY CUP, presented by the late James Hart; value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half a Mile.

Mr. Ring's spid. Dandolo 1st. 1lb. Mr. Meyerink 1
Mr. St. Andrew's dun Merry Monk 1st. 1lb. Mr. Allan 2
Mr. Bill's gr. Gang Forward 1st. 1lb. Mr. Gun 3
Mr. Pallet's gr. Thimgummy 1st. 1lb. Mr. Wintle 0
Mr. Oxley's ch. Theodolite (late Fair Wind) Mr. Rugg 0
Merry Monk was a hot favorite. After a good race from the distance, Dandolo after swerving badly at the finish got up in the last stride, and won by head; a bad third. Time 6.20 seconds.

THE CRITERION STAKES, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 150 added; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; second Pony to save his stake. One Mile.

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Mr. Paul's ch. Montezuma 1st. 1lb. Mr. Nickels 3
Mr. St. Andrew's gr. Jolly Friar 1st. 1lb. Mr. Hutchings 0
Mr. Jolly Friar was backed at odds against the field. The favorite lost several lengths at the start which he was never able to recover, and Allegro, capably ridden by Mr. Gun, won hands down from Mr. Paul's pair in 2.16.

THE GRIFFINS PLATE, value, Tls. 250; Second Pony Tls. 50; last Pony to pay third Pony's entrance; for China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three-Quarters of a Mile.

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Mr. Cabell's gr. Transvaal, 1st. 1lb. Mr. Rugg 0
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SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 1ST, 1883.

The weather was much better to-day although the course, notwithstanding the care which had been bestowed on it, was still in very indifferent order. And yet some really good times were made. Dandolo, despite his penalty, added the Chu-Ka-Za Cup to his yesterday's victory, but it was a very close thing between the spotted one and Picaroon, and it almost looked as if Mr. Bidwell had been for once caught napping. The Derby resulted in a great surprise as it was looked upon as a real good thing for Pebble; however, the favorite was actually never in the hunt and Torpedo romped away from his field, eventually centering his about ten lengths ahead of Belgravia in 3.18—very good time considering the sticky going. Mr. Reynell was the fortunate winner of the Ladies' Purse, a very beautiful work of art, being presented to the successful Jockey by Miss Blanche Pickwood. That sterling racer Tajmahal, ridden by Mr. Bidwell, won the Race Cup in 4.33 under great difficulties, the jockey, owing to the girls not having been tightened, riding the greater part of the journey with his feet out of the stirrups. Prejudice paid too much for Allegro and Jolly Friar in the Shanghai Stakes, this making his fourth victory in that important race. Mr. Arthur scored a win with Piccadilly in the Concordia Cup, and finished second with Fall Mall to Gracchus in the Tsatlee Cup, Mr. Joss's dun winning the last named event by a couple of lengths. Weatlor, ridden by his owner, cleverly beat Second Violin and seven others in the Spring Cup, and the day's sport was brought to a conclusion by the easy victory of Northcote in the Roadsters Plate. Particulars are as follows:—

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Since I wrote to you last, the weather has been very unquiet, rain, fog and stormy days with now and then a few very warm sunny days. On the 15th and 16th we had a strong N.E. gale which was quite unusual at this time of the year. The S.S. *Albatross* from Hongkong was two days on her way up to this port.

On the 10th instant, the British ship *Blackadder*, which arrived here on the 18th of March from Shanghai, was towed over the Bar by the S.S. *Whampoa*. The *Blackadder* was consigned to Bradley and Co., and took in 1151 tons of brown sugar, for St Helena for orders.

A few days ago Baron von Seckendorff, who was formerly Assistant in the German Consulate at Canton, arrived here to take up the post of Acting German Consul, and I notice that the Imperial Arms have already disappeared from over the door of Messrs. Dircks & Co.'s offices. It is rumoured that Baron von Seckendorff is temporarily stationed at this port on account of the interminable land case, the Chinese having with justice complained that the claimant, viz. Mr. Schaaf, of Dircks & Co., is also Acting as Judge or at least representing the German Government.

There is also a Mandarin who holds rank as Taotai expected shortly from Canton and it is possible that we may learn some authentic news shortly and not rumour which must be taken cum grano salis.

Sometimes ago Mr. Harris, formerly a shipwright of this port, proceeded to Shanghai to obtain legal advice regarding a claim on the foreshore of Kachichow. He asserts that he holds deeds which entitle him to take possession of the whole of the foreshore from the E. boundary of the British Consulate down to abutment of the small Chinese fort, thus claiming the ground occupied by the Sugar Refinery, Mr. Meyers and the Commissioner of Customs. Time will prove whether there is any justice in Mr. Harris' claim.

At present there are stationed on the Lamocks, one officer and four marines belonging to the U.S.S. *Richmond* for the purpose of watching the wreck of the *Ashcroft*. Captain Vincent of the Danish schooner *Albatross*, has reported favourably as to recovering the treasure, guns and etc., and they are simply waiting for instructions from the home Government to commence operations.

Quite a fleet of steamers are here now, most of them from Nanchang, *Meifan*, *Chow-chow*, *Tientsin*, *Soochow*, *Chefoo*, *Taiwan*, *Masalla*, *Albatross*, *Chinn*, *Menelau*, and *Glenroy*; the latter from Singapore, via Saigon and Hongkong, will leave to-day for Singapore with Chinese emigrants. The steamer *Canlon* left for that place yesterday, taking away 900 Tientsins, and the *Menelau* will follow the same route in a few days.

Sailing vessels in harbour—*Maggie Dixon*, *Yohann Carl* disengaged, and *Linda*, loading sugar for London to fill up at Hongkong.

April 21st. The summer seems to have fairly set in. The thermometer shows 80° F. in the shade, generally accompanied by calm in the forenoon and southerly winds in the afternoon.

On the 10th instant the steamship *Glenroy* left here for Singapore, having on board 900 coolies. On the 20th the steamship *Menelau* left for the same port with 738 coolies, and Mr. Meyer and family took their departure by her for Europe, not intending to return again. Mr. and Mrs. Harrocks, two of the passengers saved from the ill-fated *Kennedy*, arrived by the steamship *Polygona* on the 10th. The steamer *Canlon* left for Kachichow, which was built by voluntary contributions, and only finished in the spring of last year, has had to be partly pulled down, the side walls having bulged outwards, the roof apparently being too heavy for the weakly constructed walls, but the works are nearly finished, and divine service will soon be held in it.

The missionaries have built a nice large summer retreat on Double Island, so that when fatigued by their arduous labours, they will be able to retire to this suburban residence, to renovate their shattered nerves.

The R. C. *Feijo*, with Mr. Commissioner McLeavy Brown and Mr. Bealey on board, called here on the 10th instant, and left again on the morning of the 20th inst. being employed on the quarterly inspection of Southern light-houses. I understand that the *Feijo* on the completion of her present trip will leave for the North, and the *Long Feng*, now on her way from Hongkong, will take her place at Amoy.

To-day there is to be a conference held, on the land question, by the Chinese officials and H. I. German Majesty's Consul.

Sailing vessels in port are the *Ida*, loading for London, and *Maggie Dixon* bound for Cuba. Steamers—*Meifan*, *Chefoo*, *Kuangtung*, *Masalla*, *Taiwan*, *Danubay*, the *Hongkong* arrived to-day from Hongkong, she is fine new steamer only lately arrived from home; she is bound for Bangkok, and I hear two others will shortly follow to be employed on the same route. —*Mercury*.

FOOCHOW.

A proclamation, dated the 10th day of the 2nd Moon (18th March, 1883), issued by their Excellencies the Governor General Ho, the Tatar General Muh, and the Acting Governor Chang has been recently posted on the wall of Messrs. Russell & Co.'s premises Foochow, to which there are five rules appended, enjoining the Civil and Military Authorities, as well as the inhabitants on the coast of this Province to give their utmost attention to the salvage of cargoes from the wreck of foreign vessels in Chinese waters, as also to save lives out of such vessels. There are also rewards, varying in amount, offered to Chinese Officers who render the needed assistance, and punishment to those who neglect their duty as prescribed in such proclamation. By the issue of this, we observe that their Excellencies mean business, and how far it will affect the people, remains to be seen. We shall endeavour to procure a copy of the proclamation, and furnish a *verbatim* translation of the same, in as full a copy as obtainable. When we consider the circumstances attending recent wrecks on this coast, the Chinese Authorities must be credited with issuing a mandate which will undoubtedly confer mutual benefit, on both their own Government, and unfortunate foreigners, and assist the natives to realize the advantages derivable by leading a more civilised and charitable life.

The cruelty of the Chinese is beyond conception, and it is galling to observe almost daily instances of barbarity in which life is impossible to interfere. Early on Thursday morning last, we witnessed with sadness, and with an unfortunate native (who was unable to acquire his peculiar liabilities) dragged to the side of a pond in the sequestered spot behind the Canton Club, and brutally kicked to death. Remonstrance was useless—appeal of no avail, and no endeavour to rescue the unfortunate victim was met by gestures that a similar fate awaited us if persisting to interfere. Thus we were involuntarily witness to a foul and cold-blooded murder, and spectators to the cruel killing of a creature. If cases of this description were not so frequent, we might almost reconcile ourselves to the frequent occurrence of such lamentable deaths, and do not, as we do, feel that such a state of things is a disgrace to the Chinese.

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SHANGHAI.

From the report of the steamship *W. Coras de Vries*, from Hankow, we learn that the *lorcha Chinkiang*, Captain Smith, which went on shore on the 11th December last, has got aloft within the last three days, and was proceeding up river.

A trial was made at the Arsenal today (April 27th) of the new dredger. It had a most unfortunate result. It was made near the river bank, instead of out in the river, as it should have been. The buckets seem to have met with an obstacle, probably struck a pile, the engines appeared to be powerful and the strain broke the chain and the buckets fell into the water.

Our morning contemporary says:—Monday's *Shen Pao* announces that the Tientsin Yamen has sent a despatch to the Superintendent of the Southern Ports, The Governor-General of Min-ché, the Tatar General and the Governor of Fukien to the effect that "the Land Telegraph lines from Shanghai to Wusung and from Amoy to Hoochow should be built by Chinese alone, and that the cables of the Great Northern can only connect up to a point outside the ports, but will not be allowed to land." We are in a position to add that the above is authentic.—*Mercury*.

The *Stirling Castle* and *Loudon Castle* cleared to-day (May 2nd) for Hankow to ship new seasons teas.

The water-mark at Hankow on the 2nd instant, when the *Taiwo* left, was 24 ft. 11 in. and at Kiu-kiang 24 ft. 6 in.

We hear that part of the Yangtze valley is still under water since last year's floods; the people are quite apathetic in some places, saying that it is the place of the officials to drain the land for them. The natives again expect inundations this summer. No bright prospects for the poor sufferers.

With regard to the Yangtze buoys a notification has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs, to the effect that on the Langshan crossing, the South Bank having extended to the Northeastward, the colour of the North Bank Buoy has been changed from red to black, to mark the port side of the channel entering from seaward. It will now be known as the South Bank Buoy.

An improvement of a most valuable nature is being carried out in the Chinese Hospital in Hongkong. The old premises at the junction of the Seward and Boone Roads have been pulled down, and a new building erected. This consists of two wards about sixty feet in length, and are very light and airy, and will no doubt be highly appreciated by those who are unfortunate enough to become occupants of the hospital. The old building that formed the hospital is being entirely renovated and taken altogether, when the improvement is completed, the institution will be one of the best of its kind to be found in the Far East.

H. E. Li Hung-chang, has finished performing the ceremony of interring his maternal relative, which was done in the presence of about 600 officials, most of whom accompanied him from Tientsin as his suite, numbers of them being decorated with the red button and peacock's feather they formed quite an imposing spectacle. The interment took place on the 27th ult. To accommodate such a number of followers, H. E. had constructed at Yu Chi-kow over a hundred houses previous to his arrival, which thanks to the facilities afforded by the telegraph were completed to his order; it is questionable whether that would have been done had a special messenger been deputed, owing to unavoidable delays. The Viceroy was expected to leave Yu Chi-kow on the 3rd inst., and go to Manking, visiting the Taitung Coal Mines *en route*, and inspect the proposed iron mines, for which Tong King-sing had received authority to purchase plant. He will be attended by his large retinue and on his return will embark for Tientsin in the steamer *Hankow*, which it has been arranged shall call for him at Wuhu. We consider he ought to include Korea, Annam and the Loochoo Islands in his inspecting and prospecting programme. Anyhow *bon voyage*! —*Mercury*.

CHINKIANG.

April, 26th 1882. Much excitement prevails in the native mind about the rapid extension of a secret society well known in former years as the "White Lily Sect." It appears they have become again so powerful in the province of Kiangsu and more especially so at the town called Chin-Keang-Poo, situated on the Grand Canal near the Yellow River. They hold the power of life and death over the members and their first object is to overturn the government. By some means the government has discovered that the three leading men, one of whom is a Buddhist priest and have secured papers, incriminating several influential people, and a few days since these three prisoners were sent to the Viceroy, Tso Tsung-tang, at Nankin. On hearing of the arrest, the populace at Chin Keang Poo, which is only about 100 miles from this, demanded the safe return of the prisoners otherwise they threatened insurrection.

The telegraph line, which runs through this place, was made use of to acquaint the Viceroy, and several hundred soldiers have been sent up to quell the disturbance. Trade is very dull since the rice carry trade has ceased, and exportation of native produce in the interior is surely the cause of these periodical insurrections. This is not the first occasion the telegraph has proved its great use to the officials and it seems more than a pity the same government does not render greater help to these inland districts by the establishment of railways for cheap carriage of goods. —*Courier Correspondent*.

CHEFOO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) April 23rd.

The Chinese gunboat *Tung-yin-chow*, with General Wu on board, arrived from *Tung-chow* on the 20th, and left for Corea on the 22nd instant.

The Chinese gunboat *Tien-hai*, with Lieut. Hassenclever, I. G. Navy, appointed instructor to the Chinese Navy for one year, arrived from Port Arthur yesterday and left for a cruise to-day. The British gunboat *Zephyr* arrived yesterday from Newchwang, and will stay here for 10 days.

The weather is fine and mild; fruit trees are in blossom.

Sailing vessels in harbour—*Ger. brg. Marie* and *Ger. brg. Elze*, bound to Newchwang. *Ger. brg. Gerda*, bound to Hongkong. *Br. brg. Minna*, bound to Amoy. *Br. brg. Minna*, from Tientsin.

The Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Simpson, arrived here from Shanghai yesterday; the object of his visit I hear, is the settlement of disputes regarding Customs' property.—*Mercury*.

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morning. The *Tai An* returned from Corea on the 23rd.

During the past week the weather has been very variable and sometimes almost wintry, many of us who had banished fires for the season were glad to see them going again.

The foggy weather which we had for two or three days makes one wonder how much more time will elapse ere the long talked of fog signal on the S.E. Promontory becomes an accomplished fact of shipwrecks in that neighbourhood we hear often, but of the many narrow escapes we seldom hear a word, and considering the immense increase in the number of steamers passing the place, the indifference shown by the Chinese authorities is more remarkable.

Capt. Hansen of the German bark *Therese* did here this morning.—*Temperance Union Correspondent*.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

30th April, 1883. After several days of rainy and foggy weather, fine weather set in, with N. W. wind, set in again yesterday.

The British gunboat *Zephyr* will leave to-day for Tientsin, and return again in a fortnight. The British gunboat *Linnet* is expected here shortly to relieve the *Zephyr*, which will proceed to Japan.

The Chinese gunboat *Taiwan* left for Corea yesterday. The Chinese gunboats *Tienhai*, *Yangwei* and *Chaoyang* arrived yesterday, the first for a cruise, the latter from Taku; they will leave for Wei-Hai-Wai in a few days, and remain there for several months.

Wei-Hai-Wai will be the naval station for the Chinese fleet in the north, at least according to reports from Tientsin.

Sailing vessels in harbour—*Br. bark Channel Queen*, filling up for Amoy; British bark *Walter Sigfried* loading for Amoy; German bark *Hilda Maria*, loading for Amoy; and British bark *Minna* loading for Amoy.

The steamers of the various companies have not taken any cargo for Chinese to Shanghai for the last week, in consequence of some trouble regarding payment of freight.—*Mercury*.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

NAM-VIAN, French steamer, 435, A. Garceau, 8th May; Haiphong 6th May, General.—Shing Loong.

KART, German bark, 382, E. Kraetz, 8th May; Newchwang 22nd April, Beans.—Cheung Woo Chan.

ADVANCE, Siamese bark, 335, P. Dethlefsen, 8th May; Bangkok 16th April, Rice.—Chinese.

FOOKSANG, British steamer, 990, Hogg, 8th May; Shanghai 6th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

VINDOBALA, British steamer, 1,134, S. H. Stuart, 6th May; Saigon 6th May, Ballast.—Captain.

LIDO, British steamer, 620, S. Lewis, 6th May; Keelung 7th May, Coal.—Russell & Co.

CHINKIANG, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, 9th May; Canton 8th May, General.—Siemens & Co.

ROSSLYN, British str., 1,049, John McKechnie, 6th May; Saigon 4th May, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FOKIEN, British steamer, 500, Abbott, 6th May; Amoy 8th May, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

ARABIC, British steamer, 2,787, W. G. Pearne, 6th May; San Francisco 10th April, and Yokohama 3rd May, Mails and General.—O. & C. S. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Erkhang, German bark, for Whampoa. *Vindobala*, British steamer, for Nagasaki. *Maria*, German bark, for Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

May 8, *Peking*, British steamer, for Canton. May 8, *Catharina II.*, Russian steamer, for Hankow.

May 9, *Fooksang*, British steamer, for Canton. May 9, *Vortigern*, British steamer, for Straits Settlements.

May 9, *Schwann*, German brig, for Tientsin.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.

Per *Fooksang*, str., from Shanghai.—Hon. F. B. Johnson, and 67 Chinese.

Per *Fokien*, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Mr. Ellis, European on deck, and 30 Chinese.

Per *Rosslyn*, str., from Saigon.—22 Chinese.

Per *Arabia*, str., from San Francisco.—Mr. T. Ludlum, from Yokohama.—Messrs. A. M. Conachie, J. J. Howard, and 200 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Rosslyn* reports left Saigon on the 4th instant. Had S.E. winds with passing shower of rain making the Ladrones.

The British steamer *Fokien* reports left Tamsui on the 4th instant, Taiwanfoo on the 6th, and Amoy on the 8th. Had strong N.E. winds and dull rainy weather to Amoy. From Amoy report that light southerly winds and dull heavy weather. In Amoy the steamer *Marjborough* and H.M.S. *Chelapra*. Passed the Company's steamer *Namoa* at Rees Island, bound for Amoy.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Kuangtung*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Agan*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Rajanattamhar*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Sumida Maru*, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Kōdat and Sandakan.—Per *Thalia*, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Piccola*, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Kaigari*, on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Torgu Yuan*, on Saturday, the 12th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Moray* and *Crystal*, on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Sumatra*, on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer at Sea Level	Thermometer at 500 ft.	Thermometer at 1000 ft.	Thermometer at 1500 ft.	Thermometer at 2000 ft.	Thermometer at 2500 ft.	Thermometer at 3000 ft.	Thermometer at 3500 ft.	Thermometer at 4000 ft.	Thermometer at 4500 ft.	Thermometer at 5000 ft.	Thermometer at 5500 ft.	Thermometer at 6000 ft.	Thermometer at 6500 ft.	Thermometer at 7000 ft.	Thermometer at 7500 ft.	Thermometer at 8000 ft.	Thermometer at 8500 ft.	Thermometer at 9000 ft.	Thermometer at 9500 ft.	Thermometer at 10000 ft.
29.94	72.0	68.0	64.0	60.0	56.0	52.0	48.0	44.0	40.0	36.0	32.0	28.0	24.0	20.0	16.0	12.0	8.0	4.0	0.0	-4.0	-8.0

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

It is really surprising how the list of quotations in our share market reflected for good or evil by matters of the very slightest importance. A whispered rumour said to have emanated from some well informed capitalist, a vague report which nobody can trace to its source, or a persistent series of bogus inquiries, are quite enough either to rush up or depress an ordinary local stock to the extent of twenty per cent., or even more. The sudden departure of a well-known merchant prince for the north, and an unfavorable rumour which could be traced to no authentic source, sent the stock of the China Sugar Refining Company from 200 to 167, and Luzons from 5 per cent. premium to 35 per cent. discount, without any other apparent cause. The return of the "merchant prince" who appears to carry the destinies of the two companies just named in his trouser pocket, seems likely to affect another revolution in China and Luzon Sugar shares, and again without any visible reason. The scrip of the first named concern, which was going begging the other day at 167 is now in strong demand at 187, and as holders seem disinclined to sell at that figure, most likely a higher price will soon be forthcoming. Luzons changed hands yesterday at 65, but this afternoon, cash offers of 75 fall to secure a single share; and the tendency is decidedly towards a further rise. And yet it must be evident to every thinking man, who knows anything of the matter, that neither China Sugars nor Luzons are worth one copper cash more to-day than they were yesterday. In plain words the market is being rigged, the "bulls" and "bears" are having each an innings; and so it will go on as long as the spirit of speculation exists in our midst, and time purchases are recognised and encouraged. Our expected report from Manila as to the prospects of the Luzon-Sugar Refinery has not yet come to hand; but we shall doubtless receive it at an early date, when our readers may rely on being placed in possession of practical information that can be safely relied on. Not that there is now any great necessity for any independent reports. Read between the lines the report of the General Managers, tells a plain unvarnished tale, which ought to be comprehensible to all business men. Statistics seldom lie; in this particular instance they tell "an over true tale." As already stated, China are now wanted at 178 and Luzons at 75 cash; the last named stock is also wanted at 77 for June. Banks are in request at 180 for cash, and 185 for June 30th. Other stocks require no special reference.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—147 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue, 145 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$675 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,400 per share, sales and buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,700 per share, ex div. sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,250 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$350 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—53 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$39 per share, premium, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—122 1/2 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$180 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$8 per share, premium, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$178 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—1 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$75 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$170 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1873—1 1/2 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. premium, sales.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/1

Bank Bills, on demand 3/1 1/2

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/1 1/2

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1 1/2

Credit, at 4 months' sight 3/1 1/2

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 3/1 1/2

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 4.56

Credit, at 4 months' sight 4.56

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 222 1/2

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 222 1/2

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 222 1/2

Bank, T. T. 222 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 222 1/2

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 401.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

NATURAL CHAMPAGNE.

LEMOINE'S VIN BRUT.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed Agents for the Sale of the above Wine, by Messrs. LEMOINE & Co., Picardy, France.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have been instructed by the COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF ORDINANCE, China, to Sell by Public Auction,

MORROW.

the following Goods, at 11 o'clock, at Her Majesty's Stores, Queen's Road East.

THE FOLLOWING

IN FURNITURE STORES.

CANVAS, CORDAGE, RUGS, CARPETS, and WROUGHT IRON, COTTON, LINEN and WOOL, CLOTHES, STEEL, TIMBER, TIN, CASKS, PACKING CASES, CEMENT BARRELS, TUNING, UMBRELLAS, BED MATS, VALISES, WOOD GYN, 18 feet with SS.

ALSO,

LOWING ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, VIZ: COATS, CAPS, CAPES, SERGE, FROCKS, SERGE and CLOTH, SERGE and CLOTH TROUSERS, BOOTS, HATS.

TERMS OF SALE.

Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 17. All bids and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All lots to be cleared within 48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to Sell by Public Auction, at the Court House, on

SATURDAY,

the 12th instant, at 2 O'CLOCK P.M.,

THE LIBRARY of the late Mr. JUSTICE SNOWDEN.

Comprising:—The Principal LAW BOOKS and General LITERATURE. ALSO, A Few BOOKS on CHINESE SUBJECTS, and MORISON'S CHINESE DICTIONARY. The BOOKS will be on view at the Court House on the 11th instant.

TERMS.—Cash.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence Mr. E. L. WOODIN is appointed by the MANAGING DIRECTORS to conduct the Business of this Company at Hongkong.

A. MCIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1883.

NOTICE.

MR. ANTONIO JOSE DA FONSECA is

AUTHORISED to Sign my name per pro- curation from this date.

M. A. DOS REMEDIOS.

Macao, 26th April, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST of the late WILLIAM EDWARD HENRY DUNN in Our Firm ceased on the 28th March last.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence from the Colony Messrs. INSTEAD & DAVIS will act as my ATTORNEYS.

GRANVILLE SHARP.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the late CHEA KAI TUNG, Manager and Partner of YEE CHONG HONG, No. 60, Bonham Street, who left for Fokien to celebrate his mother's obsequies, but died a month after arrival there, at the request of his wife, concubine, son, &c., the settlement of the accounts of the above firm and deceased's private accounts, have, by the permission of the Supreme Court, been entrusted to GAN KONG POY, ON SING CHOW, and CHEA PHOO GEAN. Notice is given that the accounts up to the end of Yam Ng Year have been settled, and deceased's interest therein ended. The YEE CHONG HONG Partners are now as follows:—DON JOAQUIN B. LIM, LUM CHEU TO, LUM HUM LIM, CHOI LIM SANG, CHONG KONG CHEUNG, LUM HOCK CHIN and CHEA HU KEE, &c.

GAN KONG POY,

ON SING CHOW,

CHEA PHOO GEAN, } Trustees.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the Year 1882 has this day been DECLARED. Warrants may be had on Application at the office of the Society on and after the 21st inst.

By order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883.

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO, and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Pianoforte.

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1883.

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW. THE Steamship

"KILLARNEY" will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY AFTERNOON, the 14th instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON & Co., 80, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA. THE Steamship

"CRYSTAL," Captain R. A. Darling, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at THREE P.M.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, FIJI and TASMANIA.)

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's Chartered Steamer "GORDON CASTLE," Captain Waring, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 P.M., on the 15th May. Contents and Value of Packages, must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883.

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

THE Steamship

"LIBAN," Candolle, Commandant, will sail on or about MONDAY, the 21st May, for MARSEILLES, via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, and SUEZ, and will leave to call at PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection with these Steamers the Company runs a Line from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON, leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1883.

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

Shipping.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO. THE American Ship

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1883.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1883.

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RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Re-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector, Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signment and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer, will be landed and stored at Consigners' risk and expense.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 8th instant will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1883.

Intimations.

TENDERS will be received by the Underigned at or before FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. of TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, for FITTING and REPAIRING DOORS in COAL STOVE, Kowloon, according to Specification and Conditions which can be seen on application to the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

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WILLIAM HYNES, Acting Storekeeper.

H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, 9th May, 1883.

Granville Sharp.

P. P. C.

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THE OFFICES of the Underigned, have this day been REMOVED to the 1st Floor of 43, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, above Andrew's Furniture Store.

DENNIS & MORRIS, Solicitors and Notaries Public.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1883.

Insurances.

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It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1883.

It was CERVANTES, the brilliant author of "Don Quixote," who satirically remarked that "all persons are not discreet enough to take things by the right handle." To none of our local political, commercial and social reformers can this somewhat unique simile be more justly applied, than to Mr. F. BULKLEY JOHNSON, unofficial member of the Legislative Council, Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, &c., &c. It has been currently reported for some time past that Mr. JOHNSON will shortly take a permanent farewell of the Colony, and as we have good reasons for believing that this report is substantially correct, it will not be out of place to indulge in a general survey, and see for what benefits and improvements we are indebted to the honourable gentleman who came amongst us with such a flourish of trumpets more than two years ago.

When Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON first posed at the Legislative Council meetings as an advocate of progressive measures, a radical reformer in the true sense of the term, we rejoiced greatly that the strength of the representatives of the public interests in the councils of the government had been so materially reinforced. The temporary occupant of the throne of "the princely house" lost no time in showing that he fully intended taking a prominent part in the management of the affairs of the colony; and the exposition of his general views were, according to his own showing, based on principles of such an enlightened and a liberal character that we felt justified in indulging in the hope that at last the routine of governmental red tape and arbitrary obstruction would receive a check. Unfortunately our anticipations were never practically realised. It is the mark of a great mind to be firm in matters of real weight and importance, and of a weak one to be inflexible in little things. Men of actual ability who accomplish great works in this world do not bow themselves with paltry squabbles, or indulge in remote and visionary aims; they mark out the course they have to follow and the work they have to accomplish, and steadily persevere through all difficulties until success crowns their efforts. Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON quickly proved himself the reverse of all this; he introduced and propounded many sensible measures of practical reform, wasting many valuable hours in showering the fragrance of his polished eloquence on the desert air of the Council Chamber, wearying and worrying unappreciative and

wearied legislators, who were quite unable to follow the honourable gentleman's flights of fancy, but, excepting in private and personal squabbles of the *Erre v. Havlar* description, the decision and determination of the man of action were painfully conspicuous by their absence; and as a result, at the end of two years a political career, which might have been made the envy of his contemporaries, is unmarked by a single noteworthy action and can only be set down as a most disappointing failure. The self constituted representative of public interests who relies solely on fair words is like one who feeds the sick with an empty spoon and talks all the time about grief. Mr. JOHNSON has been incessantly talking, feeding the public with long drawn-out harangues advocating improvement and reforms, but his exertions have never gone beyond the region of empty words; he meant well no doubt, but he lacked the necessary discretion "to take things by the right handle."

We have frequently expressed our belief that Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON was a well meaning reformer, whose want of success probably lay in the fact that his pretensions far exceeded his abilities. This, we think, has been shown on many occasions, and we need only refer to the Tramway scheme, which originated with Mr. JOHNSON, in proof of our assertion. When this measure was first brought forward the sanguine promoter confidently spoke of the whole business being settled within a few months. His overweening self-confidence blinded his better judgment, for we see that the tramway system has not yet become an accomplished fact, and from Mr. JOHNSON's latest utterances on the subject, we should imagine that the realisation of the honourable gentleman's hopes in that direction is as far off as ever. In looking round the island we are unable to see one single improvement for which we are indebted to this legislator from whom so much was expected. And yet Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON has not been going about Hongkong for over two years with his eyes shut. We frankly concede that he has brought forward many schemes of reform and improvement well worthy of the attention of both the Government and the public, and we can only regret that, probably owing to differences with Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY which apparently occupied a great deal of his spare time, he never made an opportunity of following up his practical suggestions.

In his celebrated oration at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on March 14th, Mr. JOHNSON made the following observations, some of which are deserving of especial attention:—"I need not tell you," said the honourable member, "that the unofficial members of the Legislative Council are not representative in any sense. We are nominated by the Government, we have no real power, we cannot exercise any effective control over expenditure, and there is left to us only a very modified power of protest. We for the most part attend the meetings of the Council simply to register the foregone conclusions of the Executive, which conclusions are very often merely those of some departmental clerk in the Colonial Office. I think this is a state of things which in the present advanced position of the colony should not be allowed to continue, and I have taken this opportunity of referring to the subject because, I think that with the advent of a new Governor some steps should be taken to obtain some measure of control over our own affairs. Had there been any popular election in the Government of the Colony, I would ask if it would have been possible for an administration of mischievous incapacity to stay the progress of necessary public works, to postpone measures of sanitation and education, and deprive us of an adequate supply of water during its full term of office? And though I desire to speak with all respect of the able men who are now administering the affairs of the colony, and who are doing their best to make up the loss of the past five years there is much required to be done which is not in their programme or possibly within their power. I would ask what is at the present moment the pressing want of this colony, and I reply it is elbow room for the increasing population and the numerous industries that would probably find a home here if they were fostered by the Government, especially at a time when the suicidal policy of the Chinese Government is driving them away from China. I would ask for what good reason it is that this town is divided into two parts by the suspension of our direct communications? What we require are reclamations along the entire sea front, and a widened passage made continuous from Belcher's Bay in the West to Causeway Bay in the East. If we managed our own affairs how long would it be before a tramway which is proposed for streets which are too narrow for it would run for the whole length of a continuous way, and before the wretched swamp at Causeway Bay would be converted into a flourishing township? I hope some energetic action may be taken in this matter during the administration of the new Governor."

Our new Governor has been here for some considerable time, but as yet we have heard nothing of the "energetic action" advocated by Mr. JOHNSON, for the amelioration of what are undoubtedly serious grievances. Can the honourable gentleman do nothing to inaugurate a movement which may lead to induce the Government to grant the residents of Hongkong some measure of control over their own affairs? Can nothing be done by such an influential officer to make the Secretary of State recognise the necessity of making the Legislative Council in some sense a representative body? In the interests of the government as well as of the public, Mr. JOHNSON should see his way as a member of the Council, to officially bring before Sir GEORGE BOWEN

the absolute necessity which exists for more "elbow room" by an ever increasing population. In all these measures, the success of which would make Mr. JOHNSON in reality a public benefactor, he may safely rely on the hearty support of the community and the press.

If Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON desires to place his name on the scroll of fame as a public benefactor of the colony of Hongkong he will have to do more than make mere suggestions, however valuable they may be. The reforms indicated in several of the honourable gentleman's public addresses are admittedly improvements which would materially enhance the commercial prospects of the island, effect important social requirements and generally benefit the public at large. But to accomplish any or either of these projects requires prompt and decided action. The old fashioned and unwieldy machine of colonial government—colonial governmental mismanagement would perhaps be more accurate—has been running so long in the present groove, that the drivers of the concern may object strongly to anything in the shape of modern innovations. Objections founded on self interest are not to be removed by the windy platitudes of even such an accomplished rhetorician as Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON; a resolute movement headed by the chiefs, and supported by the general body of the community is the only means likely to lead to the desired improvements. With Governor BOWEN in favor of enlightened reform much might be accomplished. However, we are not particularly sanguine of anything for the public well being achieved through Mr. JOHNSON. He has frequently promised to electrify us with his wonderful schemes for the public benefit, all of which have ended as they began in idle words, that we have lost all confidence. The honourable gentleman's public career in Hongkong has been one long continued failure; he was "never discreet enough to know how to take things by the right handle" and he apparently has yet to learn that Heaven never helps the men who will not act.

TELEGRAMS.

MUSIC HONORED.

LONDON, May 8th.
The Prince of Wales has opened the College of Music and announced that the honor of knighthood will be conferred on Messrs. Macfarren, Arthur Sullivan and Grove.

LONDON, 9th May.
DEPARTURE OF LORD DUFFERIN FROM EGYPT.
Lord Dufferin has arrived at Constantinople.

THE BRITISH NAVY.
During a debate in the House of Commons on the Navy Estimates, Lord H. G. Lennox argued that the iron-clad navy was inadequate; Sir Thomas Brassey, however, gave reassuring information.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Mastodon Minstrels will give their second performance at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, when an entirely new programme, containing many features of interest, will be produced. The Company's Brass Band will perform outside the City Hall at 8 o'clock.

THE output of coal from the coal mines of the United Kingdom for the past year was 156,500,000 tons. This is an increase on the quantity of the year previous of 2,300,000 tons. For the past four years the production of coal has gone on increasing.

FROM a recent examination of soldiers' teeth by Dr. Fronsius, he finds teeth in persons of fair complexion and hair are less durable than those of dark complexion. Stature has a manifest influence on the durability of teeth, which increases with the decrease of height, and vice versa. He seeks an explanation of this curious fact in a less perfect outer circulation in tall men than in short men. The right teeth show a greater vitality than the left.

MR. CHUN AGAN, who follows the useful occupation of boiler-maker, and Mr. Li Achen, a member of the cattle persuasion, had a few unpleasant words yesterday whilst discussing important affairs of state. From words they proceeded to blows, and dusted each other round in scientific fashion. An intelligent member of the force, who happened to witness the scuffle between the ardent politicians, considered it his duty to prevent bloodshed so ran the pair into the cells. The belligerents appeared before Mr. Woodhouse this morning; who tendered them a few words of friendly advice for their future guidance, and permitted them to go their separate ways on payment of a fine of fifty cents each.

A SWEDISH fireman, rejoicing in the name of Erhard Rosenthal, was introduced to Mr. Woodhouse this morning, this honor being accorded to the noble Scandinavian, to enable him to make some explanation of the causes which led to his being found in the public streets "drunk and disorderly" at the early hour of 3 A.M. After that worthy guardian of the peace, Thomas Beattie, P.C. W., explained that the descendant of Gustavus Adolphus had been kicking up no end of a row at Peddar's Wharf, which necessitated his being "run in." His Worship expressed the opinion that payment of one dollar by Mr. Rosenthal to the Government exchequer would adequately expiate his offence. The rowdy Swede thanked the magistrate, stated up the Mexican like a hero, and went his way rejoicing.

A REGULAR Meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C. will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday evening the 18th inst. at 8 for 8.30 precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The following is a sample of the headlines with which the *Cincinnati Times and Star* enlivened its telegraphic columns during the Egyptian campaign:—

Woe! war!
It lifts its awful front
In Egypt's desert land,
And Wadley's soldiers groan and grunt
From the scorching sand.
The injured Turk and Jew Greek
In empty love horns,
And the Powers, so to speak,
Trust on each other's combs.

THE Princess Dolgorouki is now living in Paris, having recently taken possession of the house formerly occupied by the Queen of Naples. Her carriage is seen on the avenue every afternoon, where her blonde beauty, enhanced by the deep mourning she still wears, and the two lovely children, her constant companions, make a very charming picture, although she is becoming so stout that the beauty that fascinated Alexander II. will soon be only a tradition.

SAYS the *Overland Mail*.—The anxious father who is always asking himself and everybody else—"What shall I make of my son?" and who very seldom gets an answer which is altogether satisfying, might be recommended—in default of any more brilliant idea—to make him a professional cricket-player. It has just been announced that each member of the Australian team has pocketed between 600l. and 700l. as his share of the net profits of the recent European tour; and seeing that this neat little sum is the remuneration for a kind of work which is generally regarded as very enjoyable kind of play, the news will be received by a number of struggling young doctors, lawyers, and persons with something like a pang of envy. Who would not exchange obscure drudgery for the fame of a Spofforth, and 1,000l. a year to help him to live up to it?

GRATITUDE is such a rare commodity in this wicked world that we are always pleased to be able to record an instance in which it is displayed. A very splendid example was mentioned at a recent meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Board of Guardians. In the course of the proceedings the clerk informed the Board that he had received an anonymous letter containing fifteen shillings in postage stamps. This came from a man who said he had received medical aid from the ratepayers when he was very poor, and feeling grateful for the assistance he was anxious to refund the cost. He would send the remaining portion when he had saved up a little more money. The guardians, it is needless to say, were almost dumb-founded. Such an act on the part of a "wicked" pauper had never previously come under their notice. The anonymous donor is evidently of the same stamp as those individuals who send conscience money for unpaid income-tax to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

SAYS the *Japan Mail*.—Among the contingencies which may be contemplated in connection with America's ratification of the Korean Treaty, difficulties about the Chinese Immigration Bill occupy a prominent place. It is not, perhaps, likely that the Koreans will avail themselves to any great extent, for the present at all events, of the privileges conferred by the treaty. Some years must pass before they appreciate the attractions of the American labour market sufficiently to look thither in inconvenient numbers. But what is to prevent the tide of Chinese emigration from finding a new outlet through the Korean peninsula? Certain it is that His Excellency Li Hung-chang is resolved to contrive that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company shall absorb a lion's share of any profits accruing from the foreign commerce of the newly opened dependency. We noted in a recent issue, that the manager of the company, Mr. Tong King-sing, is now on his way to England for the purpose of purchasing some large steamers to be employed in the service of a China-European line under native management. Possibly the next thing we shall hear will be, that the C.M.S.N. Company has organized an opposition to the P.M.S.S. and O. & O. Companies, and that an important feature of the scheme is the carriage of Korean coolies to San Francisco. It would surely be very easy for Chinese really desirous of emigrating, to elude the provisions of the Angell-Swift Convention by temporarily borrowing Korean nationality, and it would be impossible for America, at the very outset of her intercourse with a country hitherto absolutely secluded, to withhold a privilege so essential to liberal relations as the unrestricted immigration of the laboring classes. Even granting, too, that the Chinese refrain from any such attempt as we have described, America's position seems to be plainly illogical. The Secretary of State says that the anti-immigration treaty is not directed against all the yellow races of the Orient, but only against Chinese. Is it likely, however, that the good people of the Pacific Slope will admit this distinction? Certainly they will not be capable of making it for themselves. To them a coolie from Seoul and a coolie from Shanghai will be one and the same thing, and whatever objections they have urged against Chinese immigration on the score of dirt or immorality will apply with still greater force to Koreans. What we may anticipate, however, is, that the good sense of the American nation will have asserted itself effectually before this question demands any practical solution. It must be frankly admitted that a more thoroughly medieval piece of legislation than the anti-immigration bill is not furnished by the records of any modern State. The notion of a Government attempting to decide whom the people shall or shall not employ in the capacity of laborers, is worthy of the times when the legislature helped men to choose the color of their coats or the shape of their boots. If American citizens did not want Chinese labour, all they had to do was to refrain from employing it. That would have been the simple common-sense remedy, and to that remedy we entertain no doubt, America will resort some day.

MANY weather-wise persons, observes the *Sportman*, argue that the climate of England has changed during the last thirty years; that we no longer have any old-fashioned winters of ice and snow; that the summers are colder, milder, more frequent, and wind more boisterous. There is no doubt that in the season of late have been quite different to the recognized standard; that we have had spring in winter, summer in spring, with winter and summer in autumn. In reference to the rainfall, Mr. J. B. Laws, of Rothamstead, has furnished some very interesting statistics in a letter to *The Times*. These clearly show that during the last thirty years there has been a steady increase in the amount of rain which has fallen in England. These facts have been ascertained by gauging erected on the field of Rothamstead, having an area of 43 square inches to 1858 the mean fall was 25.1 inches, increased to 27.13 inches in 1900, while from 1871 to 1882 the mean fall was 25.1 inches. This is no less than 33.1 inches. This is a most outlandish, and if the increase continues, we shall all have to emigrate, and transact our business in boats.

MESSRS. Chan Wai and Fan Kam Fong, to that numerous and distinguished body of coolies for which the neighbouring islands are justly celebrated. Yesterday morning, Wai, assisted by others of the same name, was engaged in discharging a cargo of the river steamer *Kiungking* into a lighter alongside the ship. On making a start to lift the lighter, the completion of the job, Mr. Chan Wai, head covering presented such an unusual appearance, that Mr. Chan Tai, the "boss" of the lighter, expressed a desire to be permitted to inspect the *chapman*, a request which was promptly refused. Chan Tai thereupon grappled with Mr. Wai and in the struggle the hat fell to the ground, and some eight pounds of fine flavored Bolognese, the property of the P. & O. Co., strewn the deck. In spite of all his struggles the lighterman held on to Mr. Wai's queue like grim death, when suddenly Mr. Fan Kam Han dashed to the rescue of his friend, being supported in this movement by several other coolies. Chan Tai was quickly getting the worst of the encounter when Mrs. Chan appeared on the scene, and rushed to the assistance of her husband, the men belonging to the lighter also joining in the *mille*, with the result that the two coolies above named were eventually secured and handed over to the police. During the fight Mrs. Chan's jade-stone bangles were damaged to the extent of ten dollars. When paraded before Mr. Woodhouse, Mr. Chan Wai said that he was merely carrying away a small quantity of food which he picked up from the bottom of the cargo-boat, and his pal Fan admitted having "gone for" Chan Tai because that individual had accused him of being an accomplice in the tea pilfering. As to assaulting Mrs. Chan, he repudiated the allegation with lofty scorn, for does not the poet say that—"The man who lays his hand upon a woman, save in the act of kindness, is a wretch whom twice gross flattery to call a coward." This was effective, with the spectators, but did not go down with the magistrate, who sent Chan Wai for twenty-one days and Fan Kam Han to six weeks retirement into government quarters, hard labor being added to keep the two mariners from wearying. In addition to this Mr. Fan was called upon to ante up ten dollars, as amends to Mrs. Chan for the broken bangle, or undergo a further term of six weeks seclusion.

TWO ghost stories told (says the London correspondent of the *Liverpool Mercury*) by our most eminent anatomist as he is in their way as any told by the Psychological Society. When, hardly more than a lad, at Lancaster, the future defender of vivisection was studying for the medical profession, he had a horror of the ghastly details of the business, which he imagined he could never overcome. He was cured, strange to say, by a fright. Having to take some medicine on a windy night to Lancaster Castle, he had to pass through the room in which he had taken "part" in dissections, just as he entered the room with the basket of medicine under his arm, the cloud which hid the room suddenly parted, a door slammed, and, looking up, the future biologist saw what he thought was an enormous figure in white, with arms outstretched, looking down upon him. He turned around trembling, and against the wall opposite stood another figure in white. He dropped his basket and ran. The patients in Lancaster Castle got no medicine that night. But when he returned next day and found that he had been frightened by mortuary sheets, he braced his nerves up so that he was soon collecting skulls. He made a fine set; but for a long time he could not get an Ethiopian skull. At last a negro died in Lancaster Castle, and the young doctor got permission to have his head. It was again a windy night when the operation of removing the head was determined upon. But habited in his long cloak, then the fashion, and provided with a blue bag, the comparative anatomist stood at the head of the coffin lay, however, the wind slammed the door, caught his cloak, and nearly threw him upon his face. Attempting to recover himself, he lost his hold of the bag, the head fell out, rolled with increasing velocity down a flight of steps, across a courtyard, and settled itself upon the neck, with one eye open and the other shut. The professor rushed wildly after it, seized the skull, put it in his bag again, and ran from the Castle. Four or five years afterwards he was attending a dying woman, who called loudly for a clergyman, to whom she had something to tell. The doctor begged her to tell him, as no clergyman was near enough to be called in time. At length she spoke. "Oh, sir, I had a husband who was a negro, and I fear a bad man. He died, sir, in Lancaster Castle, and oh, sir, I was standing one day in the room when my husband's head came out of the floor and seemed to ask me to help him. And then, sir, the devil came through the door, snatched up the head, put it into a bag, and disappeared, before I could do anything. And I have never done anything, Oh, sir, what can I do for my husband's soul?"

EDWARD DERBYSHIRE, William O'Connor and William Frege, seamen belonging to H.M.S. *Caraopa*, were up before Mr. Woodhouse at the Police Court this morning charged with being stragglers from that ship. His Worship sent the worthy trio on board the *Caraopa* to be dealt with by the Naval Authorities.

It is stated that the Russian Government have at length decided to extend the Trans-Caspian railways to Askaniya and beyond. We read that the material required for the lines is actually being prepared on the spot, while an English engineer has been offered an engagement by a well-known firm of Russian contractors intimately associated with the construction of Russian strategic lines, presumably for this particular project.

It has been "inkwitted" (to quote the *Black House*)

Supposing a man's wife is dead, even though he should stand in the witness-box to give evidence against her.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that as he and a friend were going up the Wanchai Gap Road, leading to the peak, just above the military sanatorium, he observed some Chinese cutting earth and rotten granite on the hill side some sixty feet above the pathway. The earth and other rubbish was being tipped over the precipice by the workmen and came rolling down at a tremendous pace, blocking up the roadway and rendering it very dangerous to pass by. Our correspondent wishes to know whose business it is to superintend this kind of work, and who would be held responsible if any serious accident occurred, such as loss of life, through the carelessness of the earth cutters. We are not in a position to answer the queries of our friend, and can only recommend him not to walk that way again until the danger has been pointed out, have been seen to, as we do not feel like losing a valued subscriber at the opening of the summer season. However, we beg to bring the grievance mentioned to the notice of "the honorable the Surveyor General," who will doubtless see that some means are taken to prevent any of our tax payers being "skinned off" this mortal coil by accident, until such time as the gigantic water scheme now on hand is completed. After that is an accomplished fact, a rate-payer or two the fewer will make but little difference, and, for that matter, we will then, we think, be able to spare our own very talented one to some other benighted colony where water is badly wanted, and where, be it said, the noble public benefactor whose soul soars so much above such common things as drains and drainage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents on this column.)

THE LOSS OF THE "MATARAM."
To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."
Sir,—In the *China Mail* of the 7th inst. the following letter signed "An Old Salt" is published:—"I notice by your paper extra that the Dutch Schooner *Mataram* has been wrecked on the Pratas shoal, and that the captain and chief mate left the schooner to come here to look for assistance. Does not this look bad that two heads should be thrown away and leave the other poor devils to look out for themselves? One gentleman proposes that the captain should be the last man to leave the ship. In reference to this, perhaps you will find room in your columns for a few words from one who knows something about the circumstances, connected with the loss of the above named schooner."

It appears to me that it is a very unfair thing for a newspaper editor to allow an anonymous correspondent to slander a man who happens to be away under a microscope, and what the slander is, utterly false; but at the same time, calculated to do harm to the person assailed, the newspaper incurs a very serious responsibility. I have never seen newspapers make the means for spiteful and malicious attacks on people by anonymous correspondents except in Hongkong, and I think only in the *China Mail*, and feel sure the public cannot approve of such a disgraceful proceeding. An Old Salt might have been more generous than to have thrown such nasty insinuations upon a man of misfortune, especially as he was quite ignorant of the circumstances to which he was assailed. So that there should be no mistake as to the actual truth, I beg to state for "An Old Salt" information that the Captain of the *Mataram* was actually the last man to leave the wrecked vessel, and also that neither the Captain nor the Chief Mate "ran away" from the crew, and let the poor devils look out for themselves, and what the *China Mail* says about the captain's conduct is entirely untrue, doing the only thing that could be done under the circumstances, and being the only two men belonging to the ship who do not.

After reading this and the other articles in the *China Mail*, I am sure that the public will be able to judge for themselves.

THE P. & O. Co. steamer *Mataram*, with the next English mail, left for Hongkong on the 10th inst. at 10 P.M. and may be expected to arrive here on Friday.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The steamer *China* is expected to arrive at the wharf and is due here on Saturday.

